

Strategic Growth Council Work Plan Summary

Statutory Duties:

	Purpose	Facilitators	Activities
Grant Programs			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modeling Incentives Program 	Administer Modeling Incentive Program	Gregg Albright, BTH Marilee Mortenson, Caltrans; Bryan Cash, Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caltrans is in the process of completing the interagency agreement (IA) with the Natural Resources Agency (estimate to be finalized in the next 30-60 days). The IA will also need to be approved by DGS. Once this IA is finalized, we (SGC or Caltrans) can notify the MPOs that they can amend their Overall Work Programs (OWPs) to encumber the Prop. 84 funds allocated to the MPOs. Caltrans is in the process of completing an IA with the High Speed Rail Authority concerning the \$1.5 million for Vision California. The IA will need to be approved by DGS. The California Natural Resources Agency is in the process of completing a separate interagency agreement with Caltrans for administration of the funds awarded to Caltrans for the Statewide Household Travel Survey. This IA will not need approval by DGS. We're anticipating the MPOs will be able to begin work on July 1 or before then. But will not be able to be reimbursed until signed grant agreements are in place. Caltrans will hire a two-year limited term Planner to administer this program. We estimate this position would be in effect for FY 2010/11 and 2011/12.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Grants Program 	Develop Criteria and Administer Grant Programs	SGC Key Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt Planning Guidelines: 3/17/10 Technical Workshops 4/5-4/9 Recommended Awards 9/1/10 Funds Allocated: Sept 2010 depending on DOF approving new bond commitment for prop 84 funds and approved 2010/2011 budget.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban Greening Grants Program 	Develop Criteria and Administer Grant Programs	Polly Escovedo, Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted four statewide technical workshops; Applications due April 30, 2010. On-line application (face sheet) available March 15. Form can be completed on-line and will feed directly to the database. Administrative/technical reviews to be conducted May through mid-July. (depends on number of applications received, and other factors) Site visit recommendations submitted for approval July Site visits – July/August Final recommendations September/October Funds Allocated: Sept 2010 depending on DOF approving new bond commitment for prop 84 funds and approved 2010/2011 budget.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Outreach and Education 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 30th Messaging Seminar with Amy Frykman, Resource Media Proposed Sustainable Communities Learning Network

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Data Needs			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data Needs 	To identify data and information needs, both Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and non-GIS for state, regional and local governments.	Luree Stetson, Resources; David Harris, Resources Agency- CERES Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Group developing recommendations on potential data funding activities: 3/17/10 Coordinate with Office of Chief Information Officer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data.Ca.Gov Initiative 	To support the gathering of existing state data into one user friendly location.	David Harris, Resources Agency- CERES Program Carolyn Lawson, CIO	
Program/Policy Coordination			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEC ARPA Funds 		Bill Pfanner, CEC; Julia Lave Johnston, OPR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with CEC to coordinate ARPA funds
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program and Funding Coordination 		Julia Lave Johnston, OPR; Luree Stetson, Resources; Dana Papke, ARB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form a working group to analyze program matrix of all SGC member agencies programs for coordination opportunities. Proposed State Agency Learning Network Proposed State Grants Administrators Workshop
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Change Land Use and Infrastructure Group 	The Climate Change Land Use and Infrastructure Group has been convened to identify state land use policy coordination opportunities for the CAT and SGC.	Andrew Altevogt, CalEPA; Julia Johnston, OPR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently projects include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Climate Adaptation Plan Regional Progress Report 2010 Scope Potential state advisory group for Vision California
State Infrastructure Planning			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five Year Infrastructure Planning 	To improve the State Infrastructure	Nathan Brady, DOF; Ted Parks; DGS; Caltrans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 2009 Five Year Infrastructure Plan was never released by the Dept. of Finance. This means the SGC hasn't missed an opportunity or its statutory obligation on commenting on the plan.

	Planning process to meet state sustainability objectives.	Courts Corrections CDCR.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2010 Plan is being released in the next two months. As previously discussed at the SGC meetings, this plan does not have a comment period, the plan is just released. Moreover the 5 year plan is very high level and does not discuss specific site selection. SGC staff have asked for a pre-release of the plan prior to it going to the public. SGC staff will work on reviewing the plan <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As presented at SGC meetings, DOF has suggested that the best opportunity for SGC to review, is not in the 5 Year plan, but in two other trigger points; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By providing input/direction through the budget letter and Manual of Procedures that typically gets sent out to departments on how to compile their five year plans/needs. On the acquisition of real property is when the State Public Works Board considers items for site selection. Our plan is to have staff on these items, as they occur, but the lack of staff in this area is trying. We think there is better opportunity for review once the Executive Director of the SGC is in place.
• School Siting			<p>Other Proposed Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder workshop/conference to discuss the role of School siting in meeting SB 375 and sustainable community goals. Proposed date June 25.
Local Government Tools & Support			
• USEPA Project	Develop a framework to help local governments determine which set of sustainability programs and policies are best for them.	Julia Lave Johnston, OPR:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalizing US EPA Project Scope of Work. Met with stakeholders February 5, 2010. Planned meeting with local government representatives March 2010. Planned presentation to environmental professionals March 2010.
• Funding Wizard Project	Develop a tool to help local governments identify available financial incentives for sustainable planning and implementation.	Luree Stetson, Resources; Dana Papke Waters, ARB; David Harris, Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared Vision Statement – July 2009 Developed Charter Statement – November 2009 Finalized Scope of Work – December 2009 Interagency Agreement between ARB and Resources – March 2010 18 month project – Anticipated to begin in Summer 2010

Other Priorities

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Federal Policy/Relations			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SGC Consensus on Federal Transportation Policy 	To influence Federal Legislation to reflect SGC objectives, respond in writing on proposed bills, and support a statewide consensus on infrastructure/housing/health needs.	Ken De Crescenzo, Caltrans; Anthony Eggert, CEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve "SGC Consensus on Federal Transportation Policy", a two page complimentary document to the "California Consensus on Federal Transportation Authorization for 2009": 2/9/10 Work with Council to decide next steps
High Speed Rail			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vision California 	Work with High Speed Rail to manage Vision California to ensure the project helps meet SGC objectives.	Gregg Albright, BTH; Julia Johnston, OPR; Dan Leavitt, HSR;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caltrans is in the process of completing an IA between Caltrans and the High Speed Rail Authority concerning the \$1.5 million for Vision California. Form a multi-agency committee to advise the project as it moves forward (CCLU-IN will serve as this group) Rapid Fire briefing for state agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other 	To develop recommendations for how HSR can support sustainable communities and to coordinate HSR's TOD planning funds with SGC planning funds.		

Administration/Finance

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Staffing PRC 75121. (b) Staff for the council shall be reflective of the council's membership.	Each Council member has designated staff to work on SGC tasks with the exception of the public member who participates as his own representative. The SGC currently has no dedicated staff. The CEA II hiring process is underway.	Pat Kemp, Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEA II position interviews
Annual Report to Legislature PRC 75125 (e) No later than July 1, 2010, and every year thereafter, provide a report to the legislature	To provide a report to the legislature with specified information regarding the management of the SGC grant and Modeling Incentives programs; including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A list of applicants for financial assistance. 2. Identification of which applications were approved. 3. The amounts awarded for each approved application. 4. The remaining balance of available funds. 5. A report on the proposed or ongoing management of each funded 6. project. 7. Any additional minimum requirements and priorities for a project or plan proposed in a grant or loan application developed and adopted by the council pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 75216. 	SGC Key Staff	
Website Maintenance		Anna Marie Young, OPR	
Staffing Coordination		Julia Johnston, OPR	

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